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In re Patent Application of )  
Lionel BRETON et al ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
Application No.: 09/888,015 ) Examiner: T. Ware  
Filed: June 25, 2001 )  
For: USE OF CINNAMIC ACID OR OF AT )  
LEAST ONE OF ITS DERIVATIVES IN A )  
COSMETIC COMPOSITION )

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed August 29, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 42-51, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace Claims 27-41, and add new Claims 52-61, as follows.

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27. (amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming of the skin which comprises an amount of cinnamic acid, a derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, or mixtures thereof, effective to provide for firming of the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

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